

June 24
THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

Priest Celebrant

Pray confidently to the Father
who knit us in our mothers' wombs,
and knows our souls full well:

Deacon/Cantor/Reader

That the obedient response of Mary, Elizabeth, and Zechariah
to the Holy Spirit characterize every Christian believer,
let us pray to the Lord:

That the Church heed John the Baptist's call to repentance,
let us pray to the Lord:

That our words and actions – like John the Baptist's -
point out the Lamb of God,
let us pray to the Lord:

That celebrating John's birth strengthen our dedication
to human life, born and yet to be born,
let us pray to the Lord:

That our diocese and all Christ's Church be blessed with priests
devoted to the Gospel in worship, preaching, and service,
let us pray to the Lord:

That, through the intercession of St. John, Israel, Palestine,
and all the Mid- and Near-East embrace Jesus' gift of peace,
let us pray to the Lord:

That [_____ ,]
the war-wounded, and all the sick find comfort in the saving word,
let us pray to the Lord:

That [_____ ,]
the war-dead, and all our deceased live forever in glory,
let us pray to the Lord:

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Strengthen your servants, Lord,
to bear your light to the nations
and your salvation to the ends of the earth.
You live and reign for ever and ever.